



Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)

Twenty-third session (10-12 June 2020)

**Virtual Meeting
Daily Meetings, 14:00-15:30 CEST**

Proposed organization of work¹ (as of 10 June 2020)

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¹ Note: Decisions of the 23rd annual session of the CSTD will be made through silence procedures.

Wednesday, 10 June

14:00-14:20	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <p>Welcoming remarks by: Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana and Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Opening statement by: Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD</p> <p>Address by: Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General of ITU</p>
14:20-15:30	<p>High-level segment on “Harnessing science, technology, and innovation to accelerate progress on the SDGs and addressing COVID-19”</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Kekgonne Edinton Baipoledi, Chair of the CSTD</p> <p><i>Ministerial discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Sorena Sattari, Vice President for Science and Technology and President of the National Elites Foundation, Islamic Republic of Iran• H.E. Mr. Victor Sanchez Urrutia, National Secretary for Science and Technology, Panama• H.E. Dr. Douglas Letsholathebe, Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana• H.E. Mr. Chaudhary Fawad Hussain, Minister of Science and Technology, Pakistan• H.E. Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Zambia• H.E. Dr. Kitipong Promwong, President, Office of National Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Policy Council, Thailand• H.E. Ms. Rowena Cristina L. Guevarra, Undersecretary for Research and Development, Philippines• H.E. Eng. Bader Algarne, Deputy Minister Assistant, International Cooperation and Partnership, Saudi Arabia <p>Briefing on Tech Access Partnership (TAP) Mr. Joshua Setipa, Managing Director, UN Technology Bank for LDCs</p> <p><i>General discussion</i></p>

Thursday, 11 June

14:00-14:45	<p>Discussion on “Harnessing rapid technological change for inclusive and sustainable development”</p> <p>Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.16/2020/2) by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. A Min Tjoa, Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Discussant(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Feng Zhang, Professor at MIT’s McGovern Institute for Brain Research and Core Member of the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard <p><i>Ministerial and interactive discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt
14:45-15:30	<p>Discussion on “Exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context”</p> <p>Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.16/2020/3) by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. A Min Tjoa, Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p> <p>Discussant(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Simonetta di Pippo, UNOOSA Director• Mr. Nicholas Peter, Head of International Relations, German Aerospace Center (DLR) <p><i>Ministerial and interactive discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Bai Chunli, President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences• H.E. Mr. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt• H.E. Dr. Douglas Letsholathebe, Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology, Botswana

Friday, 12 June

14:00-14:45	<p>Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international level</p> <p>Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General (A/75/62-E/2020/11) by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Peter Major, Vice-Chair of the CSTD</p>
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	<p>Discussant(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild, Under Secretary-General and Special Advisor, United Nations • Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General, ITU <p><i>Ministerial and interactive discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Thomas Schneider, Ambassador and Director of International Affairs, Swiss Federal Office of Communication • Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Chair, Internet Governance Forum Multistakeholder Advisory Group
<p>14:45- 15:30</p>	<p>Preparation for the 24th session of the CSTD, closure of the session</p>